GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3757
ANSWERED ON:13.12.2000
PRIVILEGES AND BENEFITS TO INDIAN DELEGATION
ANANDRAO ADSUL

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government had deputed a group of non-officials as part of the Indiandelegation to the 55th regular Session of U.N. General Assembly in New York;

(b) if so, the details of the privileges and benefits given to the Members of Parliament who were part of the delegation by the Government/Permanent Indian Mission in U.N.;

(c) the manner in which these privileges and benefits compare with Indian Diplomatic Services of U.N. General Assembly, New York;

(d) whether Members of Parliament were not extended Privileges/benefits commensurate withtheir status and their comparison with those extended to the Members of delegations from other countries; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA)

(a) Yes, Sir. A list of the non-official delegation is attached.

(b), (c) and (d) Government/Permanent Mission of India made arrangements for travel,accommodation, reception on arrival and departure, local transportation, payment of Daily Allowance, and extended other facilities/courtesies commensurate with the status of the Hon`ble Members of Parliament.These are in line with what is done for all delegations consisting of Hon`ble Members of Parliament. They are no different from privileges/benefits extended to similar delegations from other countries attending the UN General Assembly. The Hon`ble Members had unlimited access to the premises of the UN during their deputation. They were assisted by officials of the Permanent Mission of India in their work in the General Assembly.

(e) : Does not arise.

LIST OF NON-OFFICIAL MEMBERS OF THE INDIAN DELEGATION TO THE 55TH UNGA

(Linked with Lok Sabha Unstarred Q.No.3757)

1. Shri Madan Lal Khurana, Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha)

2. Shri Saleem I. Shervani, Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha)

3. Shri Vijay Kumar Malhotra, Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha)

4. Shri N.D. Tiwari, Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha)

5. Smt. Krishna Bose, Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha)
6. Shri S.S. Palanimanickam, Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha)

7 Shri Vaiko, Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha)

8. Shri J. Chitharanjan, Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha)

9. Dr. (Mrs.) Joyasree G. Mahanta, Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha)
10. Shri Prem Chand Gupta, Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha)
11. Shri Balvinder Singh Bhundar, Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha)

12. Shri Ramachandra Reddy, Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha)
13. Shri Balbir K. Punj, Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha)
14. Smt. Shyama Singh, Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha)
15. Shri Swadesh Chakraborty, Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha)
16. Shri K. Natwar Singh, former Minister of External Affairs (did not come)
17. Prof. M.M. Sankhdher, Eminent Scholar
18. Shri Bremley W.B. Lyngdoh
19. Shri K.S. Bajpai, former Ambassador to USA
20. Shri Anant G. Geete, Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha)
21. Shri Rattan Lal Kataria, Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha)
22. Shri I.K. Gujral, former Prime Minister